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Ms. Massenberg.

From:

The Cleveland Township Association

Today we received an invitation in the mail form (e2Inc.) to participate in a series of meetings regarding re use of The Himco Dump in Elkhart Indiana. The meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2004 at City Hall in Elkhart. Our annual township meeting is scheduled for the next day. We are introducing candidates for local political office and discussing current as well as past issues and problems relating to the City of Elkhart, and Elkhart County. It would be an excellent opportunity for The EPA to hold a meeting -perhaps at City Hall to address the issues that were not discussed at the other meetings regarding The Himco Dump. At prior meetings many of my constituents had expressed an interest in having The EPA address the most difficult issue: "What are you doing for me right now?" Many of the residents of Cleveland Township feel as though The EPA has done little for them or worse, is covering up a problem. It is unfortunate that most mistrust of government stems from lack of information about the direction or scope of any project. For instance, since many stories about radiation at the dump site continue to circulate it would be a good idea to re inspect the area to ascertain that there is no threat from nuclear exposure. Expensive as this might be, the damage done by not addressing this issue and not affording township residents a platform to be heard from would seriously jeopardize the credibility of The EPA, and weaken township support for the project.

The Township Association board will meet the week after next and we hope to hear from you before then.

John Horwitz

President  
Cleveland Township Association

Gwendolyn Massenburg

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Hello Mr. Horwitz:

I am glad to hear from you because I wanted to know the source of the alleged radiation at Himco Dump. I sent an email to the webmaster for the U.S. Radiation Sites (<http://prop1.org/prop1/radiated/in0rept.htm>), to have them remove Himco Dump off of the list. I never received an acknowledgement or a response to the email. I reviewed the sampling history of the 1992 RI/FS report, the report stated that a field screen for radiation was performed with apparently no hits. Therefore, I need to get the source of the alleged radiation contamination.

You stated in your email message below that "many stories about radiation at the dump site continue to circulate it would be a good idea to re inspect the area to ascertain that there is no threat from nuclear exposure" I have not heard of anyone other than yourself mention anything about radiation at Himco Dump, when you provided me with the list of U.S. Radiation Sites. Since, we did perform a survey in 1992, there is no need to reinspect the landfill without more compelling information to do so. Please provide me with more information regarding the "many stories about radiation at the dump site." I would also like to know the source of the U.S. Radiation Sites to get more information as to why Himco Dump appears on the list. There has to be justification as to why Himco Dump was added to such a list. As for now, there has not been any information presented to have Himco Dump on the list, and we do have documentation stating that a radiation survey was performed.

So, if you have more information regarding radiation dumping, please share it with me. I can not act on stories been told, especially, since we have documentation to the contrary of the stories been told. Any information you could provide would be greatly appreciated, this is a serious issue, and it has not been taken lightly. Please help me get to the bottom of this serious accusation, by providing me with what information you have.

Thanks,

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